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SUMMARY

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3. CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0611/FRANCHISE – PRIVATE 115 KV CONDUIT UNDER AND ACROSS PORTIONS OF THE WEST PATAPSCO AVENUE, POTEET STREET, HANOVER STREET, BALTIC AVENUE, SECOND STREET, FRANKFURST AVENUE, FRANKFURST AVENUE RELOCATED, SHELL ROAD AND EAST PATAPSCO AVENUE RIGHTS-OF-WAY CCB #10-0598/FRANCHISE – PRIVATE FUEL PIPELINE UNDER AND ACROSS A PORTION OF FRANKFURST AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY

For the purpose of granting a franchise to Energy Answers International, Inc., to construct, use, and maintain a private 115 kV cable conduit system under and across portions of the West Patapsco Avenue, Poteet Street, Hanover Street, Baltic Avenue, Second Street, Frankfurst Avenue, Frankfurst Avenue Relocated, Shell Road, and East Patapsco Avenue rights-of-way, to connect a Fairfield Alternative and Renewable Energy Project located on the property known as 1701 E. Patapsco Avenue with the Pumphrey Substation located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 10-0611, if approved, would grant an easement to Energy Answers International, Inc. under and along City ROW in the Fairfield section of Baltimore City. Energy Answers International, Inc. is proposing the installation of a 115kV electrical distribution line within a duct bank along an approximately 5-mile corridor of which approximately 3.3 miles is located within the City. This duct bank will provide power distribution from a proposed power plant located off of East Patapsco Avenue to the electrical power grid located at the western terminus in Baltimore County.

Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Ministerial Alliance, Southern District Police-Community Relations Council and the Brooklyn and Curtis Bay Coalition have been notified of this action.

Recommendation:

- Amend the Bill to replace all references of Anne Arundel County with Baltimore County, and;
- Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General Services

4. STREET CLOSING/ MULTIPLE STREETS AND ALLEYS IN BLOCKS 1588 AND 1589 – FOR A NEW EBDI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) has requested street closings for all the streets and alleys within Blocks 1588 and 1589. This corresponds to the area bounded by East Eager Street to the north, Ashland Avenue to the south, an alley at the rear of North Patterson Park Avenue to the east, and North Chester Street to the west. This area has

been identified as the site of the new East Baltimore Community School, and the purpose of the request is to facilitate site assembly. The streets and alleys, once closed, will be consolidated with adjacent parcels, which are all currently vacant and owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

It is staff's finding that these streets and alleys are not needed to provide access to adjacent properties. Thus, the subject streets and alleys are no longer needed for public purposes and can be closed; the right-of-ways declared surplus property and sold.

The following groups have been notified of the street closing request: Baltimore City Council, EBDI, Forest City-New East Baltimore Partnership, DHCD, BCPSS, Northeast Market Merchants Association, Reclaiming Our Community, Citizens Communication Coalition, Broadway Development Foundation, Madison East End Neighborhood Improvement Association, Monument Street Merchants Association, Monument Street Renaissance, Milton-Montford Improvement Association, Faith Lane Community Association, Washington-Wolfe Gateway Community Association, McElderry Park Community Association, C.A.R.E., Save Middle East Action Committee, and Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition.

Recommendation: Approval, subject to the following condition: North Collington Street should be designated as an easement area in which no construction may occur and to remain open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

5. STREET CLOSING/THREE ALLEYS (5 FEET, 10 FEET, AND 25 FEET) BETWEEN THE 400 BLOCKS OF EAST 23RD AND 24TH STREETS

The Department of Housing and Community Development has requested the closing of these alleyways to consolidate this area with other adjoining City-owned properties into one lot and offer it for redevelopment.

It is staff's finding that these streets and alleys are not needed to provide access to adjacent properties. Thus, the subject streets and alleys are no longer needed for public purposes and can be closed; the right-of-ways declared surplus property and sold.

In advance of today's hearing on this matter, staff mailed the East Baltimore Community Corporation, Inc., East Baltimore Midway/Barclay Community Development Corporation, Inc., Eastern District Police-Community Relations Council, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc., North Baltimore Civic/Home Improvement Association, People's Homesteading Group, Inc., Barclay Leadership Council, Station North Arts & Entertainment District, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Saint Paul Peace and Harmony Free Will Baptist Church notification of this action.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General Services.

6. CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0598/FRANCHISE – PRIVATE FUEL PIPELINE UNDER AND ACROSS A PORTION OF FRANKFURST AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY

For the purpose of granting a franchise to Apex Oil Company to construct, use and maintain a private fuel pipeline under and across a portion of the 1800 block of Frankfurst Avenue right-of-way, connecting facilities located on the properties known as NuStar-LP Terminal pier and Center Point Terminal on Vera Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

The Brooklyn and Curtis Bay Coalition was notified of this action.

Recommendation: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General Services

7. STREET CLOSING/PORCTIONS OF BRADY AVENUE, TATE STREET, FAIRFIELD ROAD, REMLEY STREET, WEEDON STREET, CARBON AVENUE AND VARIOUS ALLEYS

(Postponed to a later date)

8. STREET CLOSING/PORCTIONS OF FAIRFIELD ROAD, TATE STREET, CARBON AVENUE, AND REMLEY STREET

(Postponed to a later date)